"The South 40"
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EXTENSION AGENT

Appomattox County is involved in the state wide Virginia Lime Educational Program. This will become obvious from the news stories and direct mail in the coming weeks.

The immediate result will be judged by the number of soil samples taken.

Who will take the soil sample? This will be the responsibility of the home owner or land owner. We've received a number of request asking us to take samples. We do not have sufficient personel to meet these individual request. However, soil boxes and record forms are available at this office.

A soil sample consist of one-half pint of soil taken from at least six places at random from the lawn or field. Large land areas may require ten to fifteen samples. Mix the several samples together, forming a composite sample and give us one-half pint of the mix.

There is not charge for the test or recommendations. Lime use is down in Virginia and as higher nitrogen rates are used the need for lime increases.

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Monday, August 28th members of the Virginia Tech Agronomy staff will visit Appomattox County to observe forage programs being practiced by Appomattox farmers.

Appomattox is one of two counties in the state this group will be visiting.

County farmers are invited to participate in this tour also, because we'll see some practices that are not generally used by all farmers.

The tour will meet at Herndon's Grocery 10:15, this is located at the intersection of state routes 721 and 611, just north of Stonewall.

Farms to be visited are J.P.Alvis - stock-piled fescue for winter feed, E. W. & Dan Carson - short season corn variety test, Warren Coleman - harvesting hay in round bales, James Ford, Jr. - an intensified grazing program, Hix Brothers - use of forage in a dairy system, R. E. McClenny, Jr. - midland Bermuda for hay.

The tour should be over by 4:00 p.m.

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What wheat will you see this fall? Four varieties are recommended: Blueboy, Arthur, Redcoat, and Coker 68-15.

If you've been growing Blueboy and want to change we are suggesting Arthur and a second choice is Coker 68-15.

There are two varieties that have been talked about but we are not recommending because they have not performed as well as these four in Virginia test. These two are Blueboy II and Arthur 71.

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WEATHER REPORT

Last Week	.03
This Month	.80
This Year	41.75

CHESTNUT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger attended Homecoming at Belfast Baptist Church at Crewe Sunday afternoon and visited relatives in Nottoway and Crewe.

The Rev. Robert E. Johnson of Richmond was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hickman.

The Rev. and Mrs. William H. Voorhes and Cyndee of Wake Forest, N. C. were Saturday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris and visited other homes in the community.

Sunday visitors in the W. T. Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter, Janice and Mike of Burkeville; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cook, Kenneth and Randy of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Cook were Monday visitors in the same home.

Visiting Mrs. A. G. Hancock of Vera Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley.

Mrs. C. W. Morris went to New Jersey Thursday to meet Mrs. James Morris, Jimmy, Jr., Debbie and Michael who flew in from Germany to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Kit Thompson from Camp A. P. Hill visited his sister, Mrs. James Morris in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris during the week end.

Monday night visitors of Mrs. Lucy Glover were Mrs. James Morris and family of Germany, Mrs. C. W. Morris.

Friday supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley were Dr. William Rhodenhiser of Richmond, the Rev. Russell Hunt of Farmville Mrs. Ruth Beasley and Ethel Proffit both of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan, Phillip and David returned home Tuesday from a vacation trip to Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Gladys Morris of Bethesda, Md., spent the week end with Mrs. Beulah Morris and Bruce.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were Mr. and Mrs. Flood Harris and Garland of Green Bay.

Mrs. Pete Harris was hostess to the Woman's Missionary meeting Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and family of Ohio spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Williams.

BECKHAM

Aug. 22 - Mrs. Herman Moore was Sunday dinner guest in the home of Mr. Harwood Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, Jerry Sandra, and friend, Roger Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henderson spent Sunday at Lakeside.

Mr. Charles Crews and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bigelow visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and Myra Young Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and Myra were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bigelow Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Burge is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. L.E.Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard, Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Martin and E.W., Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Judy and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey and Teresa Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Jr. and Tony, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Kim were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin.

Miss Bernadette Martin is visiting Miss Debbie Moore this week.

Gwen Moore is visiting Kim Maxwell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gentile Sunday.

It's A Twin Tomato

Becky Johnson holds a twin-tomato that weighs a bit over two pounds. The tomato was grown in the garden at her home on Route 2, Appomattox. Becky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

Farm Price Outlook

According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce on Friday, this is the way prospects for Virginia farm prices looked. The Department offers it to farmers with the warning that no one can predict prices and be right all the time.

EGGS

Egg prices should show some further strength in the near future.

On August 1, U. S. numbers of layers were down 3 per cent from the same period last year. The rate of lay was up 2 per cent over a year ago. Eggs in incubators for egg-type chicks on August 1 were down 5 per cent below that period a year ago. Cold storage holdings are 12 per cent above those of a year ago.

Virginia prices on the farm last Thursday were: Grade A large, 32-36 cents; mediums, 22-26 cents; and smalls, 13-16 cents per dozen. Large white eggs in New York were 34-37 cents a dozen, and mediums were 24-27 cents.

BROILERS

Broiler prices are expected to have a slight rise this week. The approaching holiday week end should also strengthen broiler prices.

This is a period of good seasonal demand. Broilers remain competitive with the higher red meat prices.

On August 1, cold storage holdings were down 36 per cent from the year before. This is 44 per cent less than two years ago. Total frozen chickens in cold storage were down 28 per cent from the same period last year. Current broilers supply is running 3-4 per cent above last year this time.

Last Thursday's negotiated price for ready-to-cook broilers delivered to northern markets was 28½-30 cents a pound.

LIME FOR TURF QUALITY

When was the last time you limed your lawn? If it's more than three years or you can't remember, there is no time like the present.

Practically all Virginia lawns need periodic applications of lime in order to correct soil acidity conditions, to provide the essential elements of calcium and magnesium, to make certain elements such as phosphate more available to turf and to make certain toxic elements such as aluminum less available. Although lime has these many beneficial effects, its cost is relatively cheap. Without lime and it favorable affects on lawns in Virginia, it is impossible to grow a dense, aesthetic turf regardless of the intensity and expense of your turf management program.

Lime may be applied any time during the year. If a lawn is being established, lime should be worked into the top 4 to 6 inches of soil just prior to seeding. On established lawns it is necessary to apply the lime to the surface. In either case, however, its effects are both immediate and long-lasting. It is not especially difficult or messy; and when using recommended amounts of agricultural ground or pulverized limestone, there is no chance of burning or injuring your present lawn.

If you suspect acidity problems, act now to resolve how much lime is needed. You may determine this by collecting a representative soil sample from your lawn and asking your local Cooperative Extension Agent for a free analysis and recommendations. For additional information on lime needs, you may also ask him for a new leaflet entitled "Lime for Virginia Lawns."

Lime now for turf quality tomorrow.

4-H FASHION SHOW

The girls participating in the 4-H sewing class will have a fashion show to display the dresses they made in the class. The fashion show will be held on Tuesday, August 29, at 7:30 in the Rescue Squad Building, and you are invited to come and see the results! Eighteen girls have completed the class and are looking forward to modeling their new dress.

JORDAN BAPTIST

We are having our regular preaching services at Jordan at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

At 7:30 p.m. the Sunday School is having a talent program. You're invited to both these services.

The Gospel Harmonettes will not be at the Community Park on Sunday. We will let you know when this program will be held.

We will baptize Sunday morning at 9:30 at Backfoot Creek. Everyone will meet at the church at 9:00.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Austin for the week end was her sisters from Washington, D. C. Mrs. Gladys Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Hayes, her nephew Mr. Leon Turner and son, Lee Jon. Also her sister, Mrs. Ethel Wooldridge and son of Appomattox.

CLOVER HILL

Mr. William Coleman of Lynchburg will render a program at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. in Pamplin. The speaker will be the Rev. Mrs. H. O. Flood for this Sunday. Come and be with us.

Mrs. Flossie Matthews visited Louis Gordon on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Evelyn Pankey is still visiting here. She is from New York City.

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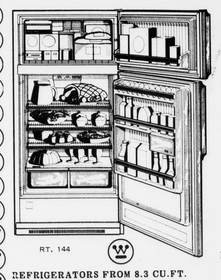
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